

COVID-19 Health Equity Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Capital Projects

Funds to support capital projects are not allowable.

Childcare

Childcare costs are allowable if it aids in and/or reduces barriers for access to COVID-19-related services.

Clinical Care

Clinical care is <u>not</u> funded under current grant guidance. Exceptions include the provision of COVID-19 testing because it is seen as a public health intervention.

Food

Food is <u>not</u> an allowable cost with some exceptions to conferences/meetings and food delivery/provision as part of COVID-19 quarantine and isolation services.

Lodging

Providing lodging and wrap-around services including cleaning and laundry at quarantine/isolation sites are allowable. Waste management, maintenance, and repairs at such locations are also allowable.

Mental & Behavioral Health Services

Mental health services may be allowable in select circumstances if included as a wrap-around service. Examples include:

- Licensed Clinical Social Workers providing a behavioral health intervention at the individual or community level to address COVID-19 health disparities.
- Mental health services for individuals experiencing isolation or quarantine measures due to COVID-19.
- TAVA subscription for employees.

Multiple Submissions

Multiple submissions from the same entity are allowable <u>with prior approval</u>. However, demonstration of collaboration across teams within a single organization is preferable.

Page Limit

The narrative and budget portion of the application should remain within the 10-page limit. However, supplemental documents like Resumes/CVs or Letters of Support (not required) may be included as attachments.

Personnel

Personnel costs are allowable but must be tied to how the organization intends to address COVID-19 health disparities among high risk, underserved, and rural populations. However, personnel costs attributed to clinical care are <u>not</u> allowable.

Research

Research involving human subjects is not an allowable expense. Research involving data modeling or analytics may be allowable with prior approval.

School Eligibility

For the purpose of this grant, local schools and school districts are considered government organizations and are therefore eligible to apply for funding.

Transportation

Transportation costs are allowable and may include transportation assistance (including incentives such as transportation vouchers) to encourage participation in COVID-19 testing and/or vaccination.

Vaccines

Grant funds may <u>not</u> be used to purchase vaccine or for vaccine administration. However, funding may be used for certain vaccine related costs like planning and coordination, storage, education, and media campaigns aimed to increase vaccine uptake and/or address vaccine hesitancy.

Vehicles

The purchase of vehicles is <u>not</u> an allowable expense.